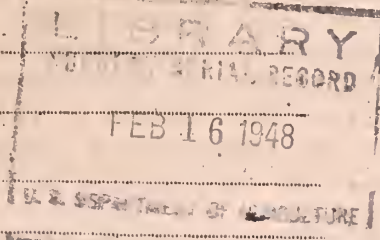


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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WELFARE ASSOCIATION

At a luncheon meeting in the Training Conference Room 6962 on Monday, January 26, forty members of the Administrative Council of the Welfare Association met and elected officers for the coming year. Mr. Frank H. Spencer (E&PQ), who has served for sometime as Chairman of the Cafeteria Management Committee was elected as the new President. The following were elected to the offices indicated:

Ralph F. Koebel (SOL.), 1st Vice President;
Joseph B. Raban (PERS.), 2nd Vice President;
James McKericher (BPISAE), 3rd Vice President;
Meldanette Metcalf (BDI), Secretary;
Ennis A. Almond (B&F), Treasurer;
Henry A. Donovan (A&IC), Board of Directors, 3 years;
Dwight Porter (REA) Board of Directors, 1s year.

After a brief talk from the retiring President, Mr. James H. McCormick (INF.), the financial report for the 1947 year's activities was given by the Board's Treasurer, Mr. Ennis A. Almond.

A few highlights of the financial statement were the total income for the year \$911,376.47, and a net loss at the year's end of \$8,690.79. There is quite a story, not mentioned of course in the financial statement, but which you can easily insert between the lines from your own knowledge of 1947 trends, rising food costs, rising labor costs, reductions in force, and longer vacations, causing reduced volume of meals served and a valiant effort on the part of your Cafeteria Committee to keep prices down as much as possible for your benefit even to the extent of finally dipping into the reserves left from better years in order to meet expenses of the Employee Activities Program. The costs of this program are of course reflected in the financial statement, as well as food operations and loan service. The Treasurer also reported that a total of 108 emergency loans were made to employees by the agency welfare committees. The total amount of these 108 loans was \$7,324.48. (This was approximately one half as much as the total amount of emergency loans in some former years.)

EMPLOYEE ACTIVITIES. A written summary of the employee activities program for the year was presented to the meeting by Mr. Joseph B. Ragan (PERS.), Chairman of the Employee Activities Committee. A summary of the activities of the volunteer Red Cross Unit was included along with this report. Mr. Charles H. Cunningham, Coordinator of Employee Activities since September 1947, described the activities program as it is presently progressing and outlined plans for further developments during the coming months.

NOMINATIONS

Mr. Tom McKinley, Nominating Committee Chairman, presented the selections of officers for the 1948 election. Since no additional persons were nominated for these offices, it was voted to have the Secretary cast one ballot for election of the officers as presented.

After a brief talk by the newly elected president, the meeting adjourned.

ONE FOURTH OF US BELONG TO CREDIT UNIONS

The four Credit Unions now in operation have a total membership of about 2500 of the 9,000 Agriculture employees in the D.C. Area.

At annual meetings held during the past week, Credit Union members voted themselves dividends of from 2% to 4% on shares held during the 1947 year's business.

The Farm Credit Employees Federal Credit Union, with a membership of nearly 400 employees and former employees, voted a dividend of 2% to its shareholders. Al Mottern is their newly elected Credit Union President. At least 80% of Farm Credit employees are members of their Credit Union.

The Agriculture Department Credit Union, which is open to membership for employees from all agencies in the departmental service, voted a dividend of 3% at its

The Federal Credit Union for Beltsville employees, with a membership of 544 shareholders, voted a dividend for 1947 of 2.4% at its recent annual meeting. Some of the Beltsville Credit Union's new officers are: Mr. James I. Hamilton (EPQ) President; Bruce Caldwell, Vice-President; Thelma Bafford, Assistant Treasurer, Mrs. Mildred Schutrumpf Treasurer; and Miss Elizabeth Bracey, Clerk. The REA Employees Federal Credit Union with about 200 shareholding members had a very active business year in 1947. At their annual meeting on January 22, the members voted a dividend of 4% on shares held through 1947 and thereby placed themselves among the top paying Credit Unions of the Washington area for the year.

annual meeting on January 26. This Credit Union now has a total shareholder membership of 1440 employees.

7,000 X-RAYS OFF YOUR CHEST

Over seven thousand employees (7,407 to be more exact) participated in the chest survey while the X-Ray equipment was installed in the South Building. Monday, January 26, was the last day for the survey at this location. If you are one of the few who missed this free chest X-Ray service, you may find that the most convenient free X-Ray station for you is now at 14th & Pennsylvania Ave., in front of the District Building. Hours are from 10 to 6 daily and Sundays.

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RECREATIONAL CLUBS AND CLASSES (Call Ext. 5611 or 6229 to register or obtain further details.)

1. BEGINNERS' BRIDGE - Tuesdays, 6:30 to 8:30 starting Feb. 17 in 4th Wing Cafeteria. Limit 60 (\$5.00 for 10 lessons.)
2. INTERMEDIATE BRIDGE - Tuesdays, 6:30 to 9:30. Starting Feb. 17. Limit 36. 10 lessons of 2 hours play and 1 hour instruction each for \$5.00.
3. SQUARE DANCING CLASS - Wednesdays, 6:30 to 8:30. Starting Feb. 4. Limit 40. 10 lessons for \$5.00. (\$8.00 for couples)
4. SOCIAL DANCING CLASS - Mondays, 6:30 to 8:30. 10 lessons for \$5.00. Standard and South American Dances. Next class starts in March. (Enrollment limited to 30 so sign up now.)
5. AGRICULTURE CHORUS - Thursdays, 5:45 to 7:15 in Auditorium. Open to everyone who likes to sing. Chorus is now forming. It will have a professional director and members' dues will probably be between \$1.00 and \$2.00 a month. Limit 100.
6. 8mm-16mm MOVIE MAKERS CLUB - First luncheon meeting held January 23. Attendance 20 here but about 40 persons have indicated interest in this activity. Next luncheon Feb. 16.
7. WOODWORKING - Several persons are interested in finding a woodworking shop where they can make their own shelves for books, phonograph records or whatever they want. A shop can be hired with some supervision, probably on Saturdays, if a few more people are interested.
8. LEATHERCRAFT - Quite a few persons have asked about a course in Leathercraft. We would like to find some good teachers now and this activity will start going ... for leather.
9. WEAVING - Classes can be arranged if several people want them. Also RUG WEAVING.
10. CERAMICS - Want to glaze a tile or two? It can be done if we hear from you. (Ext. 5611 or 6229.)
11. HOBBY SHOW - What's your Hobby? We want to have a hobby show in the Spring and will need your help to put it over. How about it?

CHESS PLAYERS WANTED

Plans are being made to get the Agriculture Chess Club started again. If you want to meet some chess players or if you want to learn the game, call ext. 6511 or 6229 and get your name on the chess roster. Let us know whether you consider yourself a beginner, an average player or an advanced player and what evenings you would prefer to play.

KITCHEN IN THE PATIO

You will be interested in the step saving U kitchen on display in the Patio on "work" days from February 4 to 17. Designed by Miss Lenore Sater, Head of HNC&HE's Housing and Equipment Laboratories, the kitchen is intended primarily for the farm home, but would fit excellently in the majority of non-farm home plans.

Daily demonstrations of the kitchen will be given at 9:30 and 11 a.m.; 1:30; 2:30 and 3:30 p.m. On Wednesday and Friday evenings, there will also be demonstrations at 7:30 and 8:30 p.m. Exhibit is open to the public. Be sure to see the up-to-the-minute Farm Kitchen that HNC&HE has on display in the Patio from Feb. 4 to 17.

CENTER WANTS 214 VOLUNTEERS

The Volunteer Center of Washington, D.C., has 214 requests for help. Here are a few ways you can help:

1. READ TO A BLIND PERSON cared for by Family Service Association.
 2. MEND AND ALTER CLOTHES for children at Friendship House.
 3. TYPE AND FILE for Swartzell Methodist Home.
 4. CONTROL VISITOR TRAFFIC at hospitals, or act as WARD WORKERS.
 5. TELL STORIES, TEACH RUG-MAKING, PLAY THE PIANO at Phyllis-Wheatley Annex.
 6. TEACH COOKING to teen-agers at Georgetown Settlement House.
- Telephone the V-CENTER, RE 5105. They can put you in touch with the proper staff member in any agency that especially interests you, or stop in at the V-CENTER office which is open on Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 5:45 to 7 p.m. NOW IS THE TIME FOR ALL GOOD VOLUNTEERS TO COME TO THE AID OF OUR COMMUNITY.

RIDES WANTED

Mrs. Vance, X4260, 6516 41st Ave. University Park, (Michigan Ave. Univ. Drive or Queens Chapel Manor)
Miss Agnes Geese, X6365, Takoma Park, Md.
Miss Christina Mosca, X2629, 738 Quincy, NW
Irene Niles, X2949, 3300 block (Macomb St.) of Connecticut Avenue, N.W.
Freda Marlowe, X3143, 3023 14th St. N.W. (14th St. & Columbia Road)
Mildred Farrow, X2090, Ga. & Sheridan, N.W.
Catherine Pierce, X3215, 7008 Aspen Ave Takoma Park (near Carroll Avenue)
Carmen Patterson, X6165, 38th Ave. & Madison St. Hyattsville, Maryland.
Mrs. Trice, X2013, Corner 6th St., South & Glebe Road, Arlington, Va.
Mrs. Williams, X5765, 56 Forrester St., S.W.
Grace Upton, X2858, 19th & Fla. Ave. N.W.
Mrs. Murphy, X6041, 2400 16th St. N.W. (Can provide private parking space near South Building)
Mrs. Jane Soule, X6381, 310 Tulip Ave. Takoma Park, Md. (near Carroll Avenue)
Mrs. Mary Wing, X5268, 623 Carroll Ave. Takoma Park, Maryland.
Fred Faber, X4195, Buckingham, Va.

2 RIDERS WANTED

John Haje, X5369, Jefferson Manor, Alex. Va.
ROTATORS WANTED
Lee Martin, X3598, 2215 Newton St. N. E.
O. Rauchschalbe, X6045, Cheverly, Md. or vicinity.